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PSC Holds Public Hearings on WPS Rate Application

MADISON - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will hold videoconference hearings in Green Bay and Madison on Tuesday, October 5th in consideration of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's application to raise electric and natural gas rates.

WPS is seeking to raise electric rates by \$69.8 million (or 9.8%) and natural gas rates by \$18.2 million (or 4.5%) to meet the costs of operation and to attract investors.

The purpose of these public hearings is to get public comment as to whether the Commission should grant rate relief to WPS. In making its decision, the Commission can approve the application as submitted, modify WPS' request or deny the application.

Citizens are invited to attend a videoconference hearing in order to provide testimony that will be included in the record the Commission reviews in making its decision. The hearings are:

Tuesday, October 5 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Green Bay Northeast Technical College Room SC Building Lecture Hall 2740 West Mason Street Green Bay, Wisconsin

The Pyle Center Room 315 702 Langdon Street Madison, Wisconsin

Both locations are accessible to people in wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Mary McIlwee, Docket Coordinator, at (608) 267-7915.

Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the PSC by October 5, 2004. Please include docket # 6690-UR-116 on the correspondence. Comments received on or before October 5th will be made available to the Commission for review.

The documents associated with WPS' application can be viewed on our Electronic Repository System at http://psc.wi.gov/. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket #6690-UR-116.

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